

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 22, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1135

Introduced by Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review

January 10, 2006

~~An act relating to the Budget Act of 2006. An act to add and repeal Section 99320 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1135, as amended, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review.
~~Budget Act of 2006. Agricultural worker transportation program.~~

Existing law, pursuant to Proposition 116 of 1990, establishes the Public Transportation Account in the State Transportation Fund as a trust fund, with revenues derived from a portion of the sales tax on fuels to be used for mass transportation and transportation planning purposes authorized by the Legislature. Existing law, the Budget Act of 2006, appropriates \$20 million from the Public Transportation Account for an agricultural worker transportation program to be enacted by the Legislature.

This bill would, until July 1, 2010, establish the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program to be administered by the Department of Transportation. The bill would allocate available funding to public agencies for the provision of agricultural workers transportation services and associated capital expenditures. The bill would require the department to establish a specified committee and to report to the Legislature on implementation of the program.

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes relating to the Budget Act of 2006.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes relating to the Budget Act of 2006.~~

SECTION 1. Section 99320 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

99320. (a) From funds made available pursuant to Item 2660-101-0046 of the Budget Act of 2006, the department shall make competitive grants to public agencies for the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program, which is hereby established. These funds may be used for transportation services directly provided by or contracted for by those agencies and to match federal or local funds for the purchase, lease, or operation of vans and buses. Funds shall be allocated consistent with the guidelines adopted by the department pursuant to subdivision (b).

(b) The department shall establish a committee of not more than 12 members comprised of representatives of farmworkers, growers, farm labor contractors, social service agencies, transit operators, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, and other state or federal agencies, as appropriate, to consult with the department relative to the program and the needs the program is intended to serve. The department, in consultation with the committee, shall adopt guidelines for the program.

(c) The department shall report to the Legislature within 120 days of the effective date of the statute adding this section in the 2005–06 Regular Session on the establishment of the program and committee, on a schedule for awarding grants to agencies for projects and services to be funded during the 2006–07 fiscal year from funds made available in Item 2660-101-0046 of the Budget Act of 2006, and on the process for distributing remaining grant funds in subsequent years. The department shall submit a final report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2010, which shall, at a minimum, detail program expenditures from state, federal, and local funds, and include measures of program effectiveness.

(d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2010, and, as of January 1, 2011, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute

- 1 *that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends the*
- 2 *dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.*

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